

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

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A RESOLUTION to honor Roane State Community College on being named the 2020 Community College of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have brought honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Roane State Community College is one such exemplary institution, which was recently named the 2020 Community College of the Year as part of the College System of Tennessee's second annual Statewide Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Awards; and

WHEREAS, the SOAR Awards annually recognize one community college based on a number of criteria, including the institution's major accomplishments for students and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1971, Roane State Community College has locations in Roane, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, and Scott counties as well as a branch campus in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, focused on student success under the leadership of President Dr. Chris Whaley, Roane State Community College has won acclaim for its success coach model program, the establishment of the Learning in Action project, and implementation of a Middle College model program in six area school systems; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Roane State Community College and the residents of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Roane State Community College is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Roane State Community College on being named the 2020 Community College of the Year, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious honor, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.